

Correspondence and Postal Reports.

OUR BLACKHAWK CO., IOWA, LETTER. NO. 9.

WATERLOO, IOWA, June 22, 1894.

There were no services at Enon last Sunday owing to rainy weather; but everybody was so thankful for the rain that they were willing to have a rainy Sunday. Brother Bashor has postponed his revival at Enon indefinitely; because the German Baptists are holding a revival in their church near Enon, at the present time.

Our communion will be held July 1. These services are one of the most enjoyable in all the work for the Master, and one in which all true Christians are happy.

As stated in our last letter the services in Waterloo have closed until cooler weather. Through the extreme warm weather most of the churches in Waterloo do not have any services on Sunday evening.

After much trying and waiting the people of Hudson have finally secured a minister to hold a series of meetings for them. Brother J. D. McFaden came last Monday and began the meeting that same evening. Everybody reports the meetings as very interesting. So far have not heard whether they had any accessions to the church yet. Brother E. L. Hildebrand baptized three last Sunday. We hope they may succeed beyond their expectations because they have tried so long and hard to have a revival. Surely the Lord will prosper those who try to do His work faithfully. He who lives and rules above knows when we are sincere in our work and when we are only doing it for mere appearance and will reward us accordingly.

LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

ZION'S HILL NEWS.

ORRVILLE, OHIO, June 23, 1894.

DEAR BROTHER EDITOR.—Perhaps a few items from this part of God's moral vineyard would be interesting to the Brethren and Sisters. By the help of God we are still holding the fort at this place. On last Sunday, after being richly admonished by our presiding Elder, Brother Wm. Kiefer of Fair Haven, an invitation was given and one dear brother came forward and united with us by relation. He came from our G. B. Brethren in good standing. We were glad to receive him among us, as he has good musical talent, and is a good worker in the Master's cause.

In the afternoon of the 21st, the brethren, sisters, friends and neighbors met at the home of the writer where we listened to a soul stirring sermon by Elder P. J. Brown after which the usual invitation was given, when two precious souls came forward and confessed Christ. A young lady and gentleman. They were baptized the same hour of the day. Oh, how we do rejoice to see others join in with us to help fight the battles of the Lord. Not only did we rejoice, but we learn that there is joy in heaven over one sinner

that repenteth. After baptism consecration services were held, after which we surrounded the Lord's table and commemorated the sufferings and death of our Lord and Saviour. It was a feast of love indeed to the hungry soul. Our members were all present but two. Elder Brown officiated. Brother Wm. Kiefer also was with us. We now number twenty-two members in all. While we are but a few in number, and all young in the work, some of us mere babes in Christ Jesus, nevertheless we have great reasons to rejoice, and be encouraged. Let us try and be mighty in good works, and at all times willing to do our Master's bidding, and the victory will be ours. The Lord has always stood by his people, and he will do so with us if we are faithful. Let us at all times remember that we promised to be faithful until death. God forbid that we should ever grow weary in well doing, for the promise is to them who hold out faithful unto the end. We enjoy reading the EVANGELIST very much. We would be pleased to have our Editor call on us and preach for us when convenient. I remain your humble brother,

D. L. KING.

THESE PERILOUS TIMES.

WILSONTON, KAN., June 18, 1894.

BRO. HARRISON, I thank you—I thank you kindly, generously, heartily. Your clipping from the *Buena Vista Advocate* is generous, timely, suggestive—suggestive that you at last have begun to mellow to the tears and swelling, heaving breasts of destitute sufferings, helpless men, women and children. Thank the Lord! When our Christian journals, Christian preachers, Christian churches once begin to wake up and see where they are at, a noble work will have been done. I send you the *White Banner*.

Ever Yours,
J. L. SWITZER.

NEW ENTERPRISE CHURCH NEWS.

On Sunday evening, June 10, we celebrated our spring communion at this place. The house was crowded with an attentive and orderly congregation, and the tables of the Lord surrounded by about seventy five communicants. Elder E. H. Smith, our present pastor, officiated to the satisfaction of all present. Brother Smith also conducted a week's meeting preparatory to the communion, during which time two (one by baptism and one by relation) were added to the church. The sermons during the week were entertaining and impressive.

Our Sunday school which meets every Sunday morning, winter and summer, at 9:15 is still moving along nicely. We want to say that our Sunday school and prayer meeting would be more interesting if more of the parents would take part in them. So many of the older ones seem to think the work in these meetings is for the young only; but in this they are mistaken, for: "There's a work for me and a work for you, something for each of us now to do."

Fraternally,
MILDRED BUCK.

FROM MEXICO, IND.

June 15th, 1894.

It has been some little time since you have heard from us. But we are still working on amidst some difficulties over which we have no control. Our communion passed off very pleasantly, having brethren and sisters with us from Tiosa, Loree, Twelve Mile and Roann and two ministers, Bros. Fox and Hopkins. Had services from Saturday night till Tuesday. Two were baptized the evening of communion. To me it was a very beautiful sight to look at the ten young sisters that occupied one seat. How often my eyes did rest upon them as I saw their earnestness and zeal. God bless them and help them to make the world better by them having lived in it. Brethren and sisters I fear sometimes we do not engage in these services as we should, that they are too formal. Now if we do these things in order to get spiritual strength and do not get it, let us see where the trouble is. And should we not show a greater light than those that do not do them. But do we? Oh, I fear we must get more love. If God has called us as a people to be a light to the world will we, or will we say, "We cannot, we must compromise with sin yet a while."

Your sister in all true work for God.

Mrs. L. B. SKINNER.

A CHURCH TO BE BUILT.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO, June 19th, '94.

BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—Members of this church met in council, June 9th, to transact business in regard to the new church. All seem anxious to get to work which will begin June 19th, on foundation. Soon as possible after harvest will begin on main building. As we have a building committee full of push and energy we expect a rapid completion of the building. Brother A. J. Baughman has the oversight of the work. He is a skilled workman and will be quite a help to the committee. Brother and Sister Baker were baptized June 10th, by Bro. Baughman also Sister Briggs of the M. E. church. She was dissatisfied with her baptism. It seems that trine immersion is the only mode of baptism that gives entire satisfaction.

QUESTION.

In case members of a church be assessed, say one dollar per member as payment for pastor in order to reach delinquents simply as a base to work upon (not through compulsion) would it be considered a discipline or against the rules of the Brethren church? [No. Ed]

W. B. TROWBRIDGE, Cor. Sec.

THE WORK AT KELLAR, W. VA.

DEAR EDITOR:—Having assumed charge of the church at this point, we herewith submit our first report.

Preached our first sermon Sunday A. M. to a fair sized audience, in the

school room. There being as yet no Brethren church, though the brethren have been laboring incessantly to secure one. The ground has been purchased and paid for, materials for foundation on hand, and believe some little money in treasury. The brethren at this place are ready to receive thankfully every contribution however small. All money sent to Sister S. M. Snader will be promptly acknowledged.

We have preached four sermons since assuming charge, and believe some good seed has been sown which we pray may ripen in God's glory.

We find the brethren here earnest devoted, zealous and enthusiastic workers and are both ready and willing to co-operate with the pastor, in his work; and with God's strength and their aid to unfurl our banner, and fight against sin and Satan, knowing that our reward is sure.

We are young in the work, and earnestly desire the prayers of the Brotherhood, that we may be successful, and make no ship-wreck of our faith. We sometimes become discouraged, when we see no sinners becoming reconciled to God by our preaching, but then we think of good old Noah who preached many years and never had a convert, and so we push on.

Just now we are preaching a series of sermons; on Sunday mornings we intend taking up the "Life of Christ," and the lessons we get from it.

Sunday evenings we devote to themes applicable to young people. Our next shall be, "What do you read?" On Sunday A. M. next I expect to fill Bro. J. C. Mackey's pulpit at Hagerstown, Md.

Brethren pray for us that we may be successful in our work; and that much good may be done at this point.

Will report soon again.

Yours for the salvation of souls,

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HEAD AND TAIL.

Better and better still, from day to day, am I pleased with the tone and attitude of THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST with regard to the all important matter of watching, working and praying that our national sins may be cast off and the great and impending calamities and judgments threatened therefore averted.

Bro. Orr and Bro. Bashor especially have our sincere thanks. Should the Brethren church continue faithfully the stirring course of evangelism and reform, now so opportunely and wisely begun, I will see in its grand and unhampered mission a far grander justification for the separation than has ever yet been brought within my vision.

Our Brotherhood still seems to think it derogatory to teach men the necessity of using our stewardship here for Christ's sake, and oppose the fatal ill-begotten practice of using it for hell's sake, or not using it at all, just as you will.

"FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST."

This do, brethren, and continue to do, and unless our brethren soon wake up from this sleep, you will indeed soon be the head and we the tail.

J. L. SWITZER.